

**The Pursuit of Wisdom
Reading Proverbs 2:1-11**

Children's Message



Trust in the LORD with all Your heart



Lean not on your own understanding



In all your ways acknowledge him



And he will make your paths straight

What do we really want?



happiness?



success, wealth, fame?



friends?



love?



inner peace?

Proverbs 4:7

The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom!

Though it cost you everything, get insight.

The proverbs teach that there is only one thing worth having: Wisdom. To begin to acquire it one must make a simple decision - that you want it. But what exactly is it?

We know there are two kinds of wisdom.

Worldly wisdom that is based on cleverness, cunning, smarts.

But then there is also God's wisdom.

Wisdom vs. knowledge, which is about information and data

Wisdom vs. intelligence - cleverness, cunning, smarts, IQ.

Biblical wisdom is from God and based on his character.

It is expressed through right relationships and right ethics/morality.

Proverbs 2:6

For the Lord Gives wisdom

from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

If we were to distil the message of wisdom from the proverbs it can be expressed probably in one verse:

Proverbs 3:5-6



Trust Yahweh with your whole heart

Total commitment - your heart a decision

A relationship of trust.



and don't rely on your own understanding.

Wisdom comes from admitting our ignorance and need.

it requires humility.

The loneliness of pride, of autonomy, of shame.

You become the keeper of your own secrets.

It isolates, alienates.

Leaves you not only friendless but godless.

The attitude of a wise person in the proverbs is, teach me.



In all your ways walk with him

In some translations it is "acknowledge him."

This is fine but leans towards mere intellectual affirmation or confession.

The actual passage is more meaningful and is towards "desire his presence."

To personally be with and relate with God.



and he will make you paths straight.

I've always wondered what it meant to have a straight path.

But when I read this verse I have come to understand.

The straight path is not about the shape of the path,
but the feel of it.

It is the joy of exploring life with God.

Reflection

Let's visit these pictures together

and I want to ask you what your questions or thoughts are about wisdom.